

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

DEPARTMENT: FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

DIRECTOR: MARK R. VINCENT

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action regarding a Ninety Day Review for Temporary Approval of a Tavern License, Admistca, Inc., dba La Cabana Cantina, 530 South Martin L. King Boulevard, Adela Jacobs, Pres, Secy and William L. Jacobs, Treas, 100% jointly with spouse - Ward 5 (Barlow)

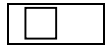
Fiscal Impact



No Impact



Augmentation Required



Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Discussion and possible action regarding a Ninety Day Review for Temporary Approval of a Tavern License.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to be provided following discussion of this item at the City Council Meeting.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

None

Motion made by RICKI Y. BARLOW to Approve the temporary license, with 24-hour operation to be granted after approval by the Gaming Commission and after the Jacobs have 100% ownership, subject to a six-month review after the date the full license is issued, as well as the initially imposed condition requiring that adequate security be provided for patrons inside and outside the facility

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 0

RICKI Y. BARLOW, LOIS TARKANIAN, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-STEVEN D. ROSS); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

The applicants were present.

JIM DiFIORE, Manager of Business Services, reported that the Council approved the applicants as the buyers of former Squiggy's, and he read the conditions that were imposed on the license at that time: 1) The last call to customers will be 1:00 a.m., with the business closing its doors for

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all patron use at 2:00 a.m. and opening at 8:00 a.m., seven days a week; 2) The La Cabana Cantina will provide/maintain adequate security for protection of patrons inside and outside the bar, limited to the parking area designated for La Cabana Cantina; 3) The license shall be reviewed in 90 days; and 4) The owners will provide hands-on management. MR. DiFIORE added that the applicants were still undergoing the process for approval by the State Gaming Board, which should be hearing the matter for final licensing at the end of September. As the applicants have not yet taken over the full operation of the business, MR. DiFIORE recommended the original conditions imposed remain, with another 90-day review upon close of escrow.

MR. JACOBS assured the Council that he is personally making sure the business is complying with all of the City's conditions. He enumerated all his efforts to train employees and to enhance security. In order to avoid some of the problems Squiggy's had, he is marketing to an older crowd. He indicated that he was under the impression that after 90 days he would be able to open for 24 hours, and he has already hired the necessary personnel to accommodate those hours. He requested permission to operate for 24 hours during the 90-day period, at the end of which he can come back for a review.

MR. DiFIORE informed the Council that prior to the Jacobs taking over there were over 200 calls for service, some of which were very violent in nature. Since January 2007, under the management of the Jacobs, there have been no calls. There has been remarkable improvement; therefore, MR. DiFIORE indicated he would have no objection to MR. JACOBS' request. MR. JACOBS offered to provide weekly updates, explaining that the success of his business interests him the most.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW questioned the situation and status with the State Gaming Board. MR. DiFIORE answered that the applicants were seeking a gaming license. They are scheduled to appear before the Gaming Control Board 9/6/2007, as part of the review process, and then before the Nevada Gaming Commission on 9/20/2007. Moreover, MR. JACOBS explained that the main concern of the Gaming Board had to do with opening part of the bar into the restaurant portion. However, the issue was addressed in conjunction with the departments of Planning and Development and Building and Safety. He anticipates final approval 9/20/2007.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW asked MR. JACOBS if he has full operation of the facility, to which MR. JACOBS replied that he has decided to address the security and the most pressing issues first.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW maintained his concern with allowing a 24-hour operation at this location, given the history. Although the problems took place prior to the Jacobs, he opted to hold off on allowing a 24-hour operation at this location, at least until the Jacobs have been approved for full operation of the establishment. MR. JACOBS indicated he would like to start operating 24 hours after 9/20/2007, when the Gaming Board should approve his gaming license. MR. DiFIORE interjected that a shorter review period could be imposed.